



# Homeland Security

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## **Energy Sector**

1. ***October 1, WWLP 22 Springfield*** – (Massachusetts) **Leak at Greenfield gas station.** The Shell Station on the Mohawk Trail in Greenfield, Massachusetts, was closed September 30 into early October 1 because of a gas leak. The fire captain said firefighters were called to the gas station after a gas leak was found in one of the manholes on the property. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was immediately notified. Crews were there cleaning up the leak through October 1. Some gasoline was also found in a nearby brook that runs off from the catch basin, but the DEP set up booms on the water to prevent any further contamination. Authorities are still trying to determine what caused the leak.  
Source: <http://www.wwlp.com/dpp/news/local/franklin/leak-at-greenfield-gas-station>
2. ***September 30, Associated Press*** – (Oklahoma) **Work resumes at Okla. refinery after deadly blast.** An oil refinery employee remained in critical condition September 30 at an Oklahoma City, Oklahoma hospital as work resumed at the facility where an explosion earlier in the weekend left him injured and another worker dead. The September 28 blast at a boiler inside the refinery south of Oklahoma City injured one man and killed another, said the Garvin County sheriff. The CEO of CVR Energy Inc., which owns the refinery in Wynnewood, said in a statement September 30 that the Sugar Land, Texas, company is working with the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and State agencies to determine what caused the explosion. OSHA investigators arrived at the site September 29. Damage at the refinery was limited to the boiler, and no other areas were affected, said the company's statement. The explosion occurred after the plant had been shut down earlier in the week for planned maintenance, a 40-day process called a turnaround.  
Source: <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/09/30/work-resumes-at-okla-refinery-after-deadly-blast/>
3. ***September 30, Greeley Tribune*** – (Colorado) **Xcel: About 17,000 customers affected by power outage in Greeley area.** Power has been restored to about 17,000 Xcel Energy customers who were affected September 30 by an outage in the Greeley, Colorado area. An Xcel Energy spokeswoman said at least 16,900 customers in Greeley, Garden City, Evans, LaSalle, and surrounding areas were affected. She said the outage originated at a Greeley substation, lasting a little more than 2 hours. As of late September 30, crews were still trying to determine the cause of the outage, but it did not appear to be weather-related. A mechanic at North Colorado Medical Center said the hospital was running on emergency power during the outage. He said several people were stuck in elevators, but workers were able to get them out safely.  
Source: <http://www.greeleytribune.com/news/crime/2696390-113/power-xcel-energy-spokeswoman>
4. ***September 28, Albany Times-Union*** – (New York) **Manhole explosions unrelated, utility says.** The explosions that blew off manhole covers on streets in Troy and Albany, New York were unrelated, a National Grid spokesman said September 28. The sites of the three incidents at different spots in National Grid's electrical system are not connected to each other in the network, said a spokesman for the utility. The incidents

— September 19 and September 26 in Albany, and September 27 in Troy — were caused by cable malfunctions, he said. The three underground failures were reported to the State Public Service Commission. National Grid is in the first year of a 5-year, \$76 million underground network upgrade. The spokesman said the recent events in Albany and Troy will be reviewed to determine the current state of the local systems as the upgrade proceeds.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Manhole-explosions-unrelated-utility-says-3903141.php>

5. ***September 28, Reuters* – (National) Unexploded bombs lurk in U.S. offshore oil patch: Experts.** Millions of pounds of unexploded bombs dumped in the Gulf of Mexico by the U.S. government after World War II pose a significant risk to offshore drilling, according to Texas oceanographers, Reuters reported September 28. The United States, along with other governments, dumped munitions and chemical weapons in oceans from 1946 until the practice was banned in the 1970s by U.S. law and international treaty, said a Texas A&M University professor of oceanography. As technological advances allow oil companies to push deeper into the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, these forgotten hazards pose a threat as the industry picks up the pace of drilling after BP Plc's deadly Macondo well blowout in 2010. Unexploded ordnance has been found in the offshore zone known as Mississippi Canyon where the Macondo well was drilled. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management will auction 38 million acres of oil and gas leases in the central gulf in March. The U.S. government designated disposal areas for unexploded ordnance off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, as well as in the Gulf of Mexico. However, nearly 70 years after the areas were created, no one knows exactly how much was dumped, or where the weapons are, or whether they present a danger to humans or marine life. In 2011, BP shut its Key Forties crude pipeline in the North Seas for 5 days while it removed a 13-foot unexploded German mine found resting next to the pipeline that transports up to 40 percent of the United Kingdom's oil product.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/unexploded-bombs-lurk-u-offshore-oil-patch-experts-173754705.html>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

6. ***September 28, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) Stolthaven New Orleans is issued 2nd potential penalty for chemical releases at Braithwaite.** The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced September 28 that it issued a second notice of potential penalty to Stolthaven New Orleans LLC in Braithwaite stemming from unauthorized discharges from its chemical storage site during and after Hurricane Isaac in late August and early September. Stolthaven failed to take precautionary measures in anticipation of the hurricane, in violation of State law, allowing unauthorized releases into State waters, the agency said. In a September 18 letter to DEQ, Stolthaven officials said they remained unsure whether there were

releases of a number of chemicals from a variety of storage tanks, and if so, how much. The company reported earlier the release of two types of lubricating oil from tanks that were moved from their foundations. However, the new report said additional tanks may also have been dislodged. In some cases, damage to coverings of some tanks made it difficult to determine the amount of chemicals left inside. In other cases, the equipment used to estimate the amount of chemicals in the tanks before the storm was not available afterwards and other measurement methods came up with different amounts in many tanks. The new report listed 28 chemicals or mixtures of chemicals and water as “potentially released.” The largest potential release was as much as 177,342 gallons of diethanolamine, a chemical used as a corrosion inhibitor and to remove hydrogen sulfide during petroleum refining. The chemical is a potential skin irritant.

Source:

[http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2012/09/stolthaven\\_new\\_orleans\\_issued.html](http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2012/09/stolthaven_new_orleans_issued.html)

7. *September 28, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **2 indicted in deadly Hawaii fireworks explosion.** A grand jury in Hawaii indicted two men and a company over mishandling of seized fireworks that led to a deadly explosion in an Oahu bunker in 2011, federal prosecutors said September 28. A U.S. attorney said the two men and Donaldson Enterprises Inc. are accused of knowingly treating hazardous wastes without a permit. The April 2011 blast killed five Donaldson employees in an explosion so ferocious it scorched trees 40 feet away. The company had a contract to manage and dispose of 28 pallets of commercial grade fireworks, which were seized by federal law enforcement. Employees spent 7 months breaking apart fireworks and soaking them in diesel fuel after a temporary emergency permit to handle them as waste expired, the indictment said. The explosion was ruled accidental, though an exact cause was not determined. One man charged was the company’s director of operations, while the other was a project manager responsible for the company’s performance under certain contracts. The fireworks were warehoused in a former, 4,000-square-foot World War II-era military bunker in a Honolulu suburb.

Source: <http://www.lakewyliepilot.com/2012/09/28/1680311/2-indicted-in-deadly-hawaii-fireworks.html>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

8. *October 1, Reuters* – (National; International) **Honda expands North American recall to include over 600,000 Accords.** Honda Motor Co is expanding a recall in North

America to include more than 600,000 Accord mid-size sedans to address a potential power steering fluid leak problem that could cause a fire under the hood, Reuters reported October 1. Honda is recalling 573,147 Accords in the United States equipped with V6 engines from model years 2003 through 2007, according to documents filed with the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In Canada, 30,058 cars are also being recalled, a company spokesman said. The power steering hose in the cars may deteriorate prematurely due to high temperatures, resulting in cracks and leaks that could cause a loss of power steering assistance or smoke and possibly a fire. No crashes or injuries have been reported related to the issue, but one engine fire was reported. The updated power steering hose necessary for the affected Accords will not be available until early 2013. If owners feel their cars exhibit symptoms related to a power steering hose leak, they should go to a dealer for an interim repair, Honda said.

Source: <http://whtc.com/news/articles/2012/oct/01/honda-expands-north-american-recall-to-include-over-600000-accords/>

9. ***October 1, Reuters* – (National) GM to recall about 41,000 cars over fuel leak problem.** Reuters reported October 1 that General Motors Co (GM) is recalling about 41,000 Chevrolet, Pontiac, and Saturn cars in the United States because of concerns that a defective plastic part might cause a fuel leak, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Potentially, 40,859 vehicles sold in Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada, Oklahoma, or Texas could be affected in the recall. As a remedial measure GM will notify owners, and dealers will replace the fuel pump module.  
Source: <http://whtc.com/news/articles/2012/oct/01/gm-to-recall-about-41000-cars-over-fuel-leak-problem/>
10. ***September 27, Air Transport World* – (International) NTSB: No cracks on 747-8F GEnx.** No cracks were found on a Boeing 747-8 freighter's GE Aviation GEnx-2B engine that experienced a power loss during takeoff roll at Shanghai Pudong International Airport in China, preliminary investigations showed, according to Air Transport World September 27. In an update statement on the continuing investigation into a separate incident involving a GEnx-1B engine on a Boeing 787, the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) confirmed it was participating in the 747-8F investigation, which is being led by the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC). Attention has turned to the GEnx's fan midshaft (FMS) after cracks were discovered on two -1B engines. As part of the CAAC's investigation and in relation to the NTSB's ongoing investigation of the July 28 engine failure, preliminary findings from the examination of the Shanghai incident engine revealed the FMS was intact and showed no indications of cracking, NTSB said. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration issued an airworthiness directive (AD) on all GEnx engines in light of the incidents. The AD requires the GEnx FMSs be re-inspected at intervals of not more than 90 days.  
Source: <http://atwononline.com/aircraft-engines-components/news/ntsb-no-cracks-787-8f-genx-0927>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

11. ***October 1, Associated Press*** – (Louisiana) **How did wires get cut on military plane?** The U.S. Air Force is investigating severed wires found during scheduled maintenance on a Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft at Northrop Grumman in Lake Charles, Louisiana, the Associated Press reported October 1. The Lake Charles American Press quoted a Robins Air Force Base spokeswoman in Georgia as saying the Air Force and Northrop Grumman are working together to learn how the wires were cut. A company spokesman said Northrop Grumman is supporting the Air Force in the investigation.  
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/10/01/4869264/how-did-wires-get-cut-on-military.html>
12. ***October 1, Global Security Newswire*** – (Tennessee) **Y-12 operator cuts ties with protection firm.** September 28, the private operator of the Y-12 National Security Complex said it would end business with a protective force subcontractor following a widely publicized July infiltration of the Tennessee nuclear arms facility, Reuters reported. Earlier September 28, the U.S. National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) urged contract operator Babcock & Wilcox Technical Services (B&W) Y-12 to take the action against WSI-Oak Ridge, a division of G4S Government Solutions. The semiautonomous Energy Department office had “grave concerns” over the administration of Y-12 plant defensive activities by the two organizations, according to an NNSA communication to B&W’s Y-12 chief. His company should cooperate with the atomic agency in assuming responsibility for defending the site, according to the document. A release by B&W Y-12 says the site operator would start assuming protection responsibilities October 1 “in an orderly manner that ensures that safe and secure operations remain the highest priority,” the Knoxville News Sentinel reported September 28.  
Source: <http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/y-12-operator-cuts-ties-protection-firm/>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

13. ***October 1, Cherry Hill Courier-Post*** – (Pennsylvania; New Jersey) **Glassboro man pleads guilty to loan fraud.** A Glassboro, New Jersey man, who owns more than 300 rental properties in Philadelphia, pleaded guilty October 1 to two counts of loan fraud. The man pledged almost 200 homes to secure a pair of loans worth some \$10 million, but he did not have clear title to the properties, said the U.S. attorney’s office. He also inflated the value of rents and forged leases, the federal prosecutor said. He obtained the loans in 2007 and defaulted a year later. Authorities said he borrowed more than \$3 million from East River Bank and Polonia Bank, and more than \$6.6 million from Republic First Bank.  
Source:  
<http://www.courierpostonline.com/article/20121001/NEWS/310010022/Glassboro-man-pleads-guilty-loan-fraud?odyssey=nav|head>

14. *October 1, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **American Express to refund \$85 million to credit card customers.** American Express Co. agreed to refund \$85 million to 250,000 customers and pay \$27.5 million in civil penalties after federal and State regulators found numerous violations of consumer protection laws. Among the alleged infractions were misleading some people who signed up for the company's Blue Sky credit card program into believing they would get a \$300 payment they never received, charging improper late payments, and deceiving customers about the benefits of paying off old debts, the regulators said. The agency was among several regulators that conducted the investigation, which involved three American Express subsidiaries — American Express Centurion Bank, American Express Travel Related Services Co., and American Express Bank.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/money/la-fi-mo-american-express-refund-fine-credit-card-20121001,0,238756.story>

15. *September 29, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **'Desperate Bandit' robs US Bank in Placentia.** A serial bank robber, dubbed by the FBI as "The Desperate Bandit," struck again at a U.S. Bank in Placentia, California, September 28. He presented the teller a note stating that he was armed, but no weapon was seen. He fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of cash. Authorities said that in previous bank robberies, his note said, "I am desperate." The suspect has robbed five banks, including one in Chino August 8, and another in Anaheim Hills September 5. September 14 he struck two banks, one in Tustin and one in Corona.

Source:

[http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/orange\\_county&id=8829329](http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/orange_county&id=8829329)

16. *September 29, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas; International) **U.S. agents try to seize \$1.2 million more in probe of ex-Mexican treasurer.** Federal authorities are trying to keep more than \$1.2 million in a brokerage account of a Texas company linked to a former treasurer of neighboring Coahuila state, Mexico, as part of a money-laundering investigation, the San Antonio Express-News reported September 29. The money is in a JP Morgan Chase Bank brokerage account in the name of Peninsula South Padre I LLC. Public records list as a company manager a man who was detained in February with the former Coahuila treasurer by sheriff's deputies in east Texas, only to be let go by federal authorities. The company is also listed as the owner of a pair of commercial properties in Brownsville that federal authorities are trying to seize. The forfeiture case was the latest development in a series of attempts by law enforcement to seize an additional \$6.5 million in bank accounts, and a dozen properties in San Antonio, South Padre Island, and the Rio Grande Valley, worth \$20 million. Prosecutors have said in court documents that the properties were purchased with laundered money.

Source: [http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local\\_news/article/U-S-agents-seize-1-2-million-more-in-probe-of-3903644.php](http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/U-S-agents-seize-1-2-million-more-in-probe-of-3903644.php)

17. *September 28, New York Times* – (National) **Ex-SAC analyst pleads guilty in insider trading conspiracy.** A onetime technology industry analyst at SAC Capital Advisors pleaded guilty September 28 to insider trading, the fourth former SAC employee to admit to illegal trading while employed at the fund. Federal prosecutors contend that

several SAC members were part of a seven-person conspiracy — a “circle of friends” — that earned about \$62 million in illegal gains trading on secret tips from executives at publicly traded technology companies. The former analyst was the fifth person to plead guilty and cooperate with the government. SAC has been a focus of federal authorities since the government began its crackdown on insider trading at hedge funds in 2007.

Source: <http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2012/09/28/ex-sac-analyst-pleads-guilty-in-insider-trading-conspiracy/>

18. *September 28, CSO Online* – (International) **Bank attackers more sophisticated than typical hacktivists, expert says.** The hackers who said they were behind cyberattacks that disrupted the online operations of several U.S. banks the week of September 24 had technical firepower that went beyond the typical hacktivist, said one security expert. Experts debated the methods used in cyber-assaults on Wells Fargo, U.S. Bank, and PNC Bank, each struck on separate days, CSO Online reported September 28. The senior security evangelist at Akamai said the banks’ Web servers were hit by as much as 65 gigabits of traffic per second, roughly as much as 60 times greater than the typical denial of service attack launched by hactivists. Also, the attackers used a single toolkit in building the programs that sent mostly junk data over the Internet to the banks’ servers, he said. Hacktivists typically use multiple toolkits running programs spread across compromised computers and systems of sympathizers. The attack traffic Akamai confronted was “fairly uniform,” he said. “This does not happen with a hacktivist mob.” A security researcher for FireEye who monitored the attack traffic has said he believes it was generated on hundreds of thousands of computers, many of which were likely owned by sympathizers of the attackers recruited through Web sites and social networks. He stuck by his people-powered theory, but agreed the attackers could have used a combination of servers and personal computers, some compromised and some belonging to sympathizers.

Source: <http://www.csoonline.com/article/717603/bank-attackers-more-sophisticated-than-typical-hacktivists-expert-says>

19. *September 28, San Gabriel Valley Newspapers* – (California) **FBI seeks ‘Don’t Even’ bandit for bank robberies in San Gabriel Valley, Inland Empire.** A September 27 bank robbery in Rosemead, California, was the work of a serial bandit linked to at least five bank robberies and attempted robberies throughout Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, officials said September 28. In addition to the robbery at a Bank of the West branch, the “Don’t Even Bandit” is also sought in connection with four other bank robberies in Alhambra, Covina, Fontana, and Ontario dating back to August 27, FBI officials said. “He got his name based on witnesses describing that his verbal demands included the threatening language, ‘don’t even,’ ” a FBI spokeswoman said. In all five crimes, the bandit’s tactics were similar. In addition to verbally demanding cash, the robber passes a teller a note. No weapon was seen during the crimes, however because of the violent nature of bank robbery, the FBI spokeswoman said the suspect is considered “armed and dangerous.”

Source: [http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/ci\\_21654351/fbi-seeks-dont-even-bandit-bank-robberies-san](http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/ci_21654351/fbi-seeks-dont-even-bandit-bank-robberies-san)

20. *September 28, WINK 11 Fort Myers* – (Florida; National) **80 fraudulent credit cards found in suspect's vehicle.** Lee County, Florida sheriff deputies arrested a man September 27 on counterfeit credit card trafficking charges after finding 80 fraudulent credit cards and 32 gift cards in his car after a traffic stop, along with a credit card scanner. Fifteen of the cards were confirmed to have stolen credit card information programmed onto them. A computer check revealed the man had been arrested in New York, New Jersey, Indiana, and Connecticut on fraudulent credit card charges.  
Source: <http://www.winknews.com/Local-Florida/2012-09-28/80-fraudulent-credit-cards-found-in-suspects-vehicle#.UGYJQJjA-NA>
21. *September 28, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **Petersburg man accused of impersonating CIA officer in bank robbery scheme.** A federal grand jury indicted a man September 27 on charges of impersonating a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) officer and using that role to recruit others to rob banks in northern Virginia. The man faced charges of impersonating a government official and three counts of attempted bank robbery, the U.S. attorney's office said in a news release. According to the indictment, the man allegedly pretended to be an employee and officer of the CIA and solicited others to rob banks on behalf of the U.S. government. In June, he was alleged to have directed the attempted robbery of one bank in Fairfax County and of two banks in Alexandria, according to the indictment.  
Source: <http://www2.timesdispatch.com/news/2012/sep/28/petersburg-man-accused-impersonating-cia-officer-b-ar-2242235/>

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## Transportation Sector

22. *October 1, CNN* – (National) **Report: Amtrak employees failing drug, alcohol tests at alarming rate.** A report blasts Amtrak, the nation's largest passenger rail carrier, for dangerously overlooking drug and alcohol use by its employees, CNN reported October 1. The report released September 27, an internal audit by Amtrak's Office of Inspector General, says drug and alcohol use by employees has steadily risen since 2006. The majority of employees who failed drug tests were reported to have tested positive for cocaine and marijuana, according to the report. Amtrak's employees failed drug and alcohol tests at a staggering 51 percent higher rate than the rail industry average, the report says. Amtrak officials estimated that they have spent \$1.5 million to screen employees in 2012 alone, but employees have exceeded industry averages failing drug tests in each of the past 5 years. Federal regulations requiring railroad companies to implement drug and alcohol testing were put in place after a deadly 1987 Amtrak collision with a freight train in Chase, Maryland. In that accident, investigators concluded that a Conrail freight train engineer was under the influence of marijuana and ran three signals before colliding with the passenger train, killing 16. The report suggested many ways Amtrak could prevent employees from showing up to work drunk and on illegal drugs. The recommendations include increasing the frequency of drug and alcohol testing, reviewing results and comparing them to industry averages, demonstrating that drug and alcohol control is a priority for Amtrak senior management, improving the physical observation of employees, and increased training

of supervisors.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2012/09/28/travel/amtrak-drug-alcohol-tests/index.html>

23. ***October 1, New York Post*** – (New York) **Loose row of seats on American Airlines flights causes emergency landing at JFK.** A Miami-bound American Airlines flight made an emergency landing at New York City's John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport when a row of passenger seats became unbolted and dangerously slid around, the New York Post reported October 1. The Boston-to-Miami flight scheduled for September 29 was diverted to JFK because the seats might have gone airborne, possibly colliding with passengers, aviation officials confirmed. The plane landed without incident.

Source:

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/plane\\_seats\\_go\\_ying\\_wT7T2QbcQCv44uAhEjgtJK](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/plane_seats_go_ying_wT7T2QbcQCv44uAhEjgtJK)

24. ***October 1, KBMT 12 Beaumont*** – (Texas) **Sulfur spill in Beaumont closes roadway.** Emergency environmental cleanup crews and the Beaumont Fire Department were called to an area near Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, October 1 to clean up a sulfur spill. The spill happened at MLK Boulevard near Cardinal Drive. MLK was shut down from Sulphur Plant Road to East Lavaca for at least 7 hours, and a dispatcher said the roadway would remain closed, and that drivers should follow detour signs in the area.

Source: <http://www.12newsnow.com/story/19682870/sulfur-spill-in-beaumont>

25. ***September 30, ABC News*** – (National) **TSA lets loaded guns past security, on to planes.** After reports of two loaded guns making it past airport screeners and on to passenger flights the week of September 24, one Congressman said “hundreds” of prohibited items get past screeners every day, a situation he calls “intolerable,” ABC News reported September 30. In one of the incidents the week of September 24, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screeners allowed a man to board a plane from New Orleans to Newark, New Jersey, with a loaded handgun in his baggage. A man reportedly took the bag with the gun on his trip by accident, saying it belonged to his wife. The loaded gun went undetected on the first leg of his trip. The TSA confirmed that even checked firearms must be unloaded. Just one day earlier in Orlando, Florida, TSA officers missed another loaded gun. A firefighter had mistakenly left the gun in her purse and carried it through security screening and on to her plane. The firefighter realized on her own what had happened and alerted authorities. The agency stressed it takes incidents like these seriously and is conducting a full review of each. The officer who allowed the Orlando firefighter to pass through security with a loaded gun, has been removed from screening duties pending an ongoing review and possible further disciplinary action.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/tsa-lets-loaded-guns-past-security-planes/story?id=17358872#.UGmqka74LxM>

26. ***September 29, KLKN 8 Lincoln*** – (Nebraska) **56th and Highway 2 back open.** All lanes of traffic were reopened on Highway 2 after a semi-trailer leaked radioactive waste, KLKN 8 Lincoln reported September 29. An incident involving a flatbed semi

trailer carrying low-level radioactive waste shut down the intersection of 56th and Nebraska Highway 2 for several hours September 29. A battalion chief said the flatbed truck was heading eastbound when the driver had to make a sudden stop at the intersection of Old Cheney Road and Nebraska 2. The sudden stop caused the 17,000 pound load with low-level radioactive material to shift forward into the truck's cab. "The levels are extremely low-level," the battalion chief said. "They do not pose a risk to anybody in the community. Right now we've called a contracting company to come with heavy equipment to reposition the load so that we can safely move the vehicle and get it out of the intersection."

Source: <http://www.klkntv.com/story/19673590/56th-and-highway-2-closed-eastbound>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

27. *October 1, Food Safety News* – (National) **Products containing Sunland's Peanut Butter continue to be recalled.** Fairytale Brownies recalled specific lot codes of its peanut butter brownies and cookies because they may be contaminated with Salmonella, Food Safety News reported October 1. The products were distributed primarily through a mail-order channel as well as some retail outlets. Fairytale Brownies purchased peanut butter from Sunland, Inc. and used the product from August 15 through the date of the Sunland, Inc. recall. The recalled sell by dates span from May 19, 2013 through July 11, 2013. Jer's Chocolates recalled some of its Gourmet Peanut Butter Bars and Gourmet Jer's Squares produced from July 9 to September 24 because they may be contaminated with Salmonella. Whole Foods Market recalled Peanut Butter Power Chews and Treasure Trove Mix, both sold as bulk items, in seven stores in Florida and one store in southern California due to possible Salmonella contamination.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/10/products-containing-sunlands-peanut-butter-continue-to-be-recalled/#.UGmZB5GvMcs>

28. *September 30, Food Safety News* – (National) **Popcorn recalled over Listeria concerns.** Dale and Thomas Popcorn voluntarily recalled a limited number of ready-to-eat bags of select flavors of Popcorn, Indiana-brand popcorn products because of possible contamination by Listeria monocytogenes, Food Safety News reported September 30. The products were distributed to various retailers, vendors, distribution centers, and consumers through the Internet on or after August 8 and have best by dates from February 4, 2013 through March 12, 2013. All recalled products were packaged in red bags of various sizes. The potential for contamination was noted after testing by the

- company revealed the presence of Listeria monocytogenes in some ready-to-eat bags. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/popcorn-recalled-over-listeria-concerns/#.UGmZC5GvMcs>
29. ***September 29, KTRK 13 Houston – (Texas) Chemical leak prompts grocery store evacuation.*** Houston Fire Department (HFD) emergency responders evacuated many employees and customers from Food Town in Houston, September 29 due to a chemical leak. According to HFD, some sort of refrigerant started leaking out of a cooling system on the second floor. The chemical was contained to the second floor and officials said there was no danger of it leaking outside. The HFD deputy chief said two employees working with the equipment were taken to the hospital. Employees returned to work after 2 hours, and the store reopened after about 3 hours.  
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8829674>
30. ***September 28, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (National) Del Monte Fresh Produce N.A., Inc. recalls limited quantity of fresh cut mango products due to possible health risk.*** September 28, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported that Del Monte Fresh Produce N.A., Inc, initiated a voluntary recall of a limited quantity of certain fresh-cut fruit packages containing mangoes due to the potential risk that the mangoes may contain Salmonella. This recall is associated with the Coast Distributors, Inc. mangoes sourced from Agricola Daniella in Mexico, and does not involve any product grown in Del Monte owned farms. Product was distributed by retailers in 11 States and Puerto Rico. The recalled products were sold in clear plastic bowls.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm321783.htm>
31. ***September 28, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (New Jersey; New York) Grand BK issues allergy alert on undeclared peanut in Black Mix Crisp 7oz. and Crisp Mix 7oz.*** September 28, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported that Grand BK of Maspeth, New York, recalled 7-ounce units of Black & Mix Crisp and Crisp Mix packaged in a plastic container, because it may contain peanuts. The products were distributed to retail stores in New York and New Jersey. All product sold prior to July 27 is subject to this recall. The recall was initiated after it was discovered that a customer had an allergic reaction to the peanut containing product. The manufacturer did not inform the labeling department of their ingredient change which caused them to mislabel the product.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm321757.htm>
32. ***September 28, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service – (National) Alabama firm recalls corn dog products due to misbranding and undeclared allergen.*** The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported September 28 that Foster Farms of Demopolis, Alabama, recalled approximately 16,576-pounds of corn dog products. The recall was due to misbranding and an allergen, milk, which is not declared on the label. The product subject to recall is the 2.67-pound, 16-count package of “Foster Farms Honey Crunchy Corn Dogs.” The products bear the establishment number “P-7322” on each box, a use by date of July 2, 2013, and a time stamp between 06:30 and 08:30. The products were produced July 2, and were shipped to retail stores

in the southeastern United States. The problem was discovered as a result of a customer complaint about the product being mislabeled and may have occurred as a result of the product being placed in the incorrect package.

Source:

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News & Events/Recall\\_063\\_2012\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News & Events/Recall_063_2012_Release/index.asp)

33. *September 27, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (Oregon) Oregon Ice Cream Manufacturing is voluntarily recalling Aldens Organic Brand Peanut Butter n Chip Ice Cream and Cascade Glacier Brand Chocolate Peanut Butter Ice Cream due to possible health risks.* September 27, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported that the Oregon Ice Cream Company voluntarily recalled Alden's Peanut Butter 'n Chip, 48-ounce and Cascade Glacier 3-gallon Chocolate Peanut Butter ice creams that contain peanut butter associated with the Sunland, Inc. recall. The peanut butter used in this product has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. There have been no reported illnesses attributed to these two recalled items.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm321693.htm>

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## Water Sector

34. *October 1, WWJ 62 Detroit – (Michigan) Water department workers ordered back on the job.* The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department issued a statement October 1 saying workers who participated in a work stoppage could be subject to suspension and firing. In another blow to their effort, the federal court ruled workers have to return to work for the sake of public health and safety. Some of the city's water department workers took to the picket line outside the wastewater treatment plant in Del Ray September 30, and about 30 of the 900 or so workers in the department reportedly did not show up for work October 1. Members of the department's largest union were striking in protest of a proposal to cut 80 percent of the workers, after a consulting study found a majority of the jobs at the facility were redundant. Water rates to the suburbs, many of which are serviced by the aging Detroit system, have increased by double digits almost every year.

Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2012/10/01/water-department-workers-ordered-back-to-work/>

35. *September 30, Ansonia Valley Independent Sentinel – (Connecticut) 300,000 gallons of raw sewage in the Housatonic in six months.* A Connecticut agency said about 304,000 gallons of raw sewage flowed from a Derby wastewater pump station into the Housatonic River during the first 6 months of 2012. The pump station failed four times as of June, a notice of violation was issued in August to Derby from the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). The DEEP notice said Derby must fix the pump station or face fines of \$25,000 per day. However, the State agency gave Derby time to address the issues and there was no drop dead date regarding the fines as long as the city attempted to make progress. A replacement for the pump station could cost as much as \$10 million, according to the Derby Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA). The Roosevelt Drive pump station was among a

long list of repairs needed for Derby's treatment facilities, sewer system, and pump stations. The WPCA reviewed a list in mid-September that totaled \$34.1 million. Members of the WPCA were working on prioritizing a list of repairs and upgrades Derby may schedule a referendum at some point to ask voters for permission to borrow money to complete some of the work.

Source:

[http://valley.newhavenindependent.org/archives/entry/derby\\_has\\_pumped\\_300000\\_gallons\\_of\\_sewage\\_into\\_the\\_housatonic/](http://valley.newhavenindependent.org/archives/entry/derby_has_pumped_300000_gallons_of_sewage_into_the_housatonic/)

36. *September 30, Williamsport Sun-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **DEP fines owner of mobile home parks \$1.3 million.** The Pennsylvania State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fined a mobile home park owner more than \$1.3 million for drinking and waste water issues at numerous mobile home parks, including two in Lycoming County and two in Northumberland County. The owner of GSP Management Co. and all related companies, signed a consent decree with the two agencies. It would allow his companies to avoid litigation but require him to clean up the water issues in his 73 mobile home parks, 70 of which are in Pennsylvania. Both agencies monitored various water problems in the parks for the last 5 years. Violations included illegal discharge of partially treated sewage into nearby streams and improperly maintained wastewater treatment facilities. Tested drinking water was found to contain excessive pollutants, according to federal drinking water standards. In Lycoming County, Tiadaghton View, and Twin Hills Village, both in Montoursville, drinking water was found to be polluted. In Northumberland County, D&H Court was cited for polluted drinking water, while Bucknell View was found to have drinking water and sanitation issues. The residents of the parks were not notified about the danger, according to DEP.

Source: <http://www.sungazette.com/page/content.detail/id/583960/DEP-fines-owner-of-mobile-home-parks--1-3-million.html?nav=5011>

37. *September 28, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Warrant outlines corruption charges against former Plainville official.** The former superintendent of the Plainville, Connecticut sewage treatment plant was arrested on a host of felony charges after a nearly year-long investigation into allegations of corruption at the facility, the Hartford Courant reported September 28. A 35-page arrest warrant lays out the alleged misconduct. It said he diverted building materials from a sewer plant project for use on his Waterbury house, created fake invoices to charge the town for work on a two-family house he owns in Terryville, stole town-owned equipment, and forged documents to conceal the alleged thefts. The superintendent is also accused of altering reports filed with State environmental regulators, disabling alarms at the sewer plant, causing raw sewage to spill and failing to report those discharges, and threatening sewer plant employees about cooperating with investigators. The 37 charges include five counts of first-degree larceny, five counts of tampering with a witness, fabricating evidence, tampering with evidence, forgery, second-degree larceny, 14 counts of filing false reports with State environmental regulators, two counts of polluting State waters, and two counts of tampering with alarm devices. He turned himself in September 27 after learning about the warrant for his arrest and posted \$100,000 bail. He is scheduled to be arraigned October 15.

Source: [http://articles.courant.com/2012-09-28/community/hc-plainville-sewer-plant-superintendent-arrested--20120928\\_1\\_sewer-plant-raw-sewage-roof-job](http://articles.courant.com/2012-09-28/community/hc-plainville-sewer-plant-superintendent-arrested--20120928_1_sewer-plant-raw-sewage-roof-job)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

38. *September 30, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Smoky fire spurs evacuation of nursing home in Emerson.** Dozens of residents and staffers had to evacuate an Emerson, New Jersey nursing home when a small fire broke out in the boiler room and sent smoke throughout the building. The fire at the Emerson Health and Rehabilitation Center was reported September 30 and was quickly doused. But the smoky conditions forced about 135 people to flee the building, and many hours later, they had not been allowed to re-enter. The Emerson Borough fire chief told the Hackensack Record that two minor injuries were reported.  
Source:  
[http://www.nj.com/bergen/index.ssf/2012/09/smoky\\_fire\\_spurs\\_evacuation\\_of\\_nj\\_nursing\\_home.html](http://www.nj.com/bergen/index.ssf/2012/09/smoky_fire_spurs_evacuation_of_nj_nursing_home.html)

39. *September 28, Associated Press* – (National; International) **FDA: Most online pharmacies fraudulent.** The Food and Drug Administration was warning U.S. consumers that the vast majority of Internet pharmacies are fraudulent and likely selling counterfeit drugs that could harm them. The agency September 28 launched a national campaign, called BeSafeRx, to alert the public to the danger amid evidence that more people were shopping for their medicine online. Research by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, which represents State pharmacy boards, found that of thousands of online pharmacies it reviewed, only about 3 percent follow State and federal laws. The campaign comes after some high-profile cases of counterfeit drugs reaching American patients earlier in 2012.  
Source: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20120928/NEWS/120929530-1/NEWS06#.UGm0Ca6Wimh>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

40. *October 1, Vallejo Times-Herald* – (California) **Vallejo fire chief says mayor's office fire deliberately set.** The Vallejo, California fire chief confirmed September 30 that the fire that consumed the mayor's law offices was caused by arson, the Vallejo Times-Herald reported October 1. The two-alarm blaze gutted his front office on Tuolumne Street across from the Solano County Superior Court September 29. The Vallejo Police Department is working with the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to look into the case as "a form of potential domestic terrorism," a Vallejo

police lieutenant said September 29. The mayor shares the single-story office building with another lawyer. Vallejo firefighters took about 15 minutes to knock down the fire, which seemed to have started in the front waiting room area, the fire chief said.

Source: [http://www.timesheraldonline.com/news/ci\\_21670771/vallejo-fire-chief-says-mayors-office-fire-deliberately](http://www.timesheraldonline.com/news/ci_21670771/vallejo-fire-chief-says-mayors-office-fire-deliberately)

41. *October 1, KVUE 33 Austin* – (Texas) **San Antonio high school football game evacuated after bomb threat.** Comalander Stadium in San Antonio was evacuated September 29 after a bomb threat was received at San Antonio police headquarters, North East Independent School District officials said. About 4,000 people were evacuated without incident. There was a large traffic jam in the area of Starcrest and Jones Maltsberger on the city's north side. The football game between MacArthur and Johnson high schools was canceled. The MacArthur Homecoming dance, which was scheduled after the game at a nearby gymnasium, also was called off. Bomb-sniffing dogs were used to check the stadium for any possible bomb materials.  
Source: <http://www.kvue.com/news/San-Antonio-high-school-football-game-evacuated-after-bomb-threat-172009571.html>
42. *October 1, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Sumrall City Hall damaged from Isaac's flooding.** Sumrall, Mississippi municipal employees are still working at the police station because city hall flooded in Hurricane Isaac in late August and repairs are not finished, the Associated Press reported October 1. The mayor said workers are crowded but are able to get their jobs done. An alderman said Sumrall did not have flood insurance on city hall or its contents. He said as far as city officials knew, the building was not even in a flood plain. City hall sits at the bottom of a hill on Mississippi Highway 589, which frequently has standing water during heavy rain. August 30, about 4 inches of water ran into the building.  
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/10/01/4870017/sumrall-city-hall-damaged-from.html>
43. *September 29, Reuters* – (Oregon) **President blocks Chinese wind farms in Oregon over security.** The U.S. President blocked September 28 a privately owned Chinese company from building wind turbines close to a U.S. Navy military site in Oregon due to national security concerns, and the company said it would challenge the action in court. Ralls Corp, which had been installing wind turbine generators made in China by Sany Group, has four wind farm projects that are within or in the vicinity of restricted air space at a naval weapons systems training facility, according to the Presidential administration. “There is credible evidence that leads me to believe” that Ralls Corp, Sany Group and the two Sany Group executives who own Ralls “might take action that threatens to impair the national security of the United States,” the President said in issuing his decision. The presidential order gives the Chinese company 90 days to divest all of its interests in the projects.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/29/us-usa-china-turbines-idUSBRE88R19220120929>
44. *September 29, Associated Press* – (International) **3 countries join U.S. security alert in Philippines.** Britain, Australia, and Canada have joined the United States in warning

their citizens of a security threat in the Philippines, particularly in the capital, Manila. September 28, the U.S. Embassy in Manila said “reliable security forces” detected a threat specifically in suburban Pasay City where it maintains a residential facility and a Veterans Affairs office. It urged U.S. citizens to avoid gatherings that may be regarded as “American events.” The metropolitan Manila police chief said September 29 that he had ordered heightened security for embassies with increased patrols by uniformed and plainclothes officers. Such measures were put in place after attacks that killed the American ambassador in Libya.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2012/09/29/us-security-alert-philippines/1602427/>

45. *September 29, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **WV man arrested for shooting threat.** Police said a West Virginia man made terrorist threats after authorities say he told his counselor he wanted to open fire at a local high school football game. According to a criminal complaint, the man told his counselor at a Charleston, West Virginia hospital September 14 that he wanted to take a gun to a Sissonville High School football game and start shooting. He told the counselor he was scared he might wear a mask to a game around Halloween and open fire hoping to commit suicide by drawing police fire. The Charleston Gazette reports that after the meeting, the counselor called police. The man was arrested September 28 by the Kanawha County Sheriff’s Office.  
Source: <http://www.statejournal.com/story/19673687/wv-man-arrested-for-shooting-threat>
46. *September 28, Associated Press* – (California) **Court security firm to pay \$1.9m for lax gun tests.** A private security company that provides guards for most of the nation’s federal courthouses has agreed to pay nearly \$1.9 million to settle allegations that its workers deliberately conducted lax firearms tests of guards in northern California, the government announced September 27. The U.S. Department of Justice had alleged that range masters employed by New Mexico-based Akal Security Inc., which has a \$1.6 billion contract with the U.S. Marshals Service to manage court security in all but five States, gave guards extra time to complete a battery of tests measuring their gun skills. In some cases, according to the government, the employees did not adhere to the time limits because they were afraid the guards would not pass and told the Marshals Service the test-takers were qualified. The Justice Department said that as far as it knows, only guards who worked at federal courthouses in San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose were given the bad tests between 2007 and last year.  
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/court-security-firm-pay-19m-test-claims-17342583#.UGm-4a6-a72>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

47. *October 1, Fox News* – (Massachusetts) **Paramedic may have tampered with drugs, infected up to 57 patients.** Boston health officials said a paramedic may have tampered with vials of drugs and infected dozens of people, Fox News reported October 1. A city public health department spokesperson said that at least 57 people treated in a city-run ambulance may have been exposed to blood-borne illnesses. They said an unidentified paramedic may have tampered with syringes full of sedatives and painkillers during a 6-week period in the summer of 2011. Officials are in the process of contacting potential victims to inform them and offer free medical testing. Seven people who were treated by that paramedic have passed away, but officials believe the deaths were unrelated to the possible drug contamination. A criminal investigation is underway. The paramedic was fired the summer of 2011, and so far, was not facing any charges.  
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2012/10/01/boston-paramedic-may-have-tampered-with-drugs-infected-57-patients/>
48. *October 1, WBTV 3 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **One inmate dead, another injured in prison incident.** One inmate was dead and another injured after an incident at a State prison in Anson County, North Carolina, WBTV 3 Charlotte reported October 1. The incident was reported at the Lanesboro Correctional Institution in Polkton. The Anson County Sheriff's Office said one inmate was dead and another was stabbed. A spokesman for the North Carolina Department of Corrections said two inmates were taken to the hospital. The State said the prison was on lockdown while they investigated the incident.  
Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/story/19668252/two-injured-in-incident-at-state-prison>
49. *October 1, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **Man suspected of ambulance theft, DUI arrested.** A man was arrested October 1 after he allegedly attempted to steal an Emergency Medical Services Authority ambulance and then crashed it into a parked car at a Tulsa, Oklahoma apartment complex. He was held on complaints of larceny of an automobile and driving under the influence of alcohol, jail records showed. He was arrested after a medic who had responded to a medical call at an apartment complex saw him driving the ambulance “back and forth” in the parking lot, said the arrest report. He was also accused of hitting a parked car while driving the ambulance. The man was then pulled from the driver’s seat by emergency responders at the scene, the report said. He was held at the Tulsa Jail in lieu of \$6,000 bond.  
Source:  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=298&articleid=20121001\\_2980\\_Amanwa954880](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=298&articleid=20121001_2980_Amanwa954880)
50. *September 30, Associated Press* – (Texas) **3 injured after Central Texas helicopter crash.** A pilot and two medics were injured after the medical transport helicopter they were in crashed September 30 near Eastland, Texas. Texas Department of Public Safety officials said all three were conscious and talking after the crash. The helicopter was traveling to pick up a patient when the pilot tried to divert to a local airport because of limited visibility due to bad weather. Dallas area-based CareFlite operates the

helicopter. CareFlite said in a statement that the pilot and medics suffered minor to moderate injuries and were being treated at a hospital. The company said it dispatched ambulances to pick up the crew members and bring them to Fort Worth. Federal officials are investigating.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/state&id=8830656>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

51. ***October 1, Softpedia*** – (International) **Brute force attack can break PINs of Cisco CallManager accounts, researcher finds.** While performing a review of Cisco’s Unified Communications Manager (CallManager), a software-based call-processing system, a security researcher found a way to break the PINs of registered accounts by performing a brute force attack. “When looking at the phone handset configuration, some URLs are set to allow the handset to retrieve Personal Address Book details or access the Fast Dials. That caught my attention and I immediately pointed my web proxy to those URLs, forgetting about the handset interface,” the expert explained. The researcher noticed the handset itself is actually performing simple GET HTTP requests to the CallManager to initiate the log-in sequence. The response contains a “sid” token which is needed to perform the brute force attack. Since it is not possible to perform a userID enumeration, the attack is done with an application such as Burp.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Brute-Force-Attack-Can-Break-PIN-of-Cisco-CallManager-Researcher-Finds-295989.shtml>
52. ***September 29, Softpedia*** – (International) **Mobile ‘visual malware’ able to reconstruct 3D model of victim’s environment.** Researchers from the Naval Surface Warfare Center and Indiana University created a piece of “visual malware” called PlaceRaider that is able to create an accurate 3D model of the user’s indoor environment by taking pictures and collecting data from other sensors. The model created by PlaceRaider does not only contain the big picture, but also the objects present in the environment, which could be anything from credit cards, financial documents, information from computer monitors, and other sensitive data.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Mobile-Visual-Malware-Able-to-Construct-3D-Model-of-Victim-s-Environment-295554.shtml>
53. ***September 28, Army Times*** – (International) **MoH, DSC recipients’ Social Security numbers exposed.** A defense contractor’s data breach left vulnerable the U.S. Army’s most highly decorated soldiers when a comprehensive awards database — including Social Security numbers — was available online, Army Times learned. The exposed database contains 31 Social Security numbers for 6 Medal of Honor recipients and 25 Distinguished Service Cross recipients since September 11, 2011. The database, which contains 518 records of award recipients, appeared to have been accessed online by an employee of Brightline Interactive, a creative services firm in Alexandria, Virginia. The database was closed to the public after Army Times notified Army officials, who notified the contractor of the breach.  
Source: [http://www.armytimes.com/news/2012/09/army\\_breach1\\_092812w](http://www.armytimes.com/news/2012/09/army_breach1_092812w)

54. *September 28, Softpedia* – (International) **Expert finds XSS flaw on eBay after bypassing ‘filtering mechanisms’.** eBay listed a security researcher in its hall of fame after the expert managed to identify a “very unusual” non-persistent cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability. “There was a WAF/IPS in place which was filtering out the html and JavaScript being embedded into the page. I managed to bypass the filtering mechanism of eBay and was able to run my html code and JavaScript,” the expert explained. To demonstrate his findings, he published a proof-of-concept (PoC) video in which he details how he managed to bypass the filter. The researcher claims he also identified high-risk vulnerabilities on Web sites owned by Adobe and Apple. The PoCs for these particular security holes will be released as soon as the companies address the problems.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Expert-Finds-XSS-Flaw-on-eBay-After-Bypassing-Filtering-Mechanisms-295397.shtml>

55. *September 28, Computer Weekly* – (International) **Phishing attacks cast wider nets in businesses.** Phishing attacks are moving from targeting a few key employees in businesses to much wider groups of employees, according to corporate security awareness training company PhishMe. “Once they are in, attackers are using what they learn about the environment to attack bigger groups,” said the company’s vice-president of product management and services. Some organizations are seeing phishing campaigns targeted at up to 250 employees at a time, but using slightly different fake emails to avoid detections systems, he told Computer Weekly. Phishing attacks are also moving away from using attachments because of greater awareness among corporate users about the potential dangers of email attachments. Instead, they are using emails about topical or local events likely to be of general interest to just about anyone in the organization.

Source: <http://www.computerweekly.com/news/2240164139/Phishing-attacks-cast-wider-nets-in-businesses>

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [sos@us-cert.gov](mailto:sos@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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## Communications Sector

56. *September 28, Beckley Register-Herald* – (West Virginia) **4 accused of copper theft arrested.** Four Wyoming County, West Virginia residents were arrested September 27 in connection with the copper theft earlier the week of September 24 that left about 1,300 people without phone service, according to the sheriff. One man was charged with grand larceny, felony destruction of property, and theft resulting in loss of phone

service, which is also a felony, the sheriff said. The rest of the suspects were charged with grand larceny, felony destruction of property, and theft resulting in loss of phone service. The four were caught after trying to sell the copper to a recycling center in Raleigh County. The State police were notified and the vehicle was stopped a short time later with the copper still in the vehicle. Bond was set at \$100,000 each. All four were remanded to Southern Regional Jail.

Source: <http://www.register-herald.com/local/x1241986982/4-accused-of-copper-theft-arrested>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

57. *October 1, WMAQ 5 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Officials investigate cause of Avondale warehouse fire.** Investigators continued their investigation October 1 on what caused a massive warehouse fire on Chicago's northwest side. Crews worked through September 30 to tear down the Avondale structure as safety concerns remained. Firefighters said the water tower perched on top of the building was an immediate concern and must come down. More than 200 firefighters responded to the September 30 fire at the four-story mixed use building and warehouse. As the fire spread, the blaze was quickly upgraded to a 5-alarm fire. As the fire raged on, smoke settled over the neighborhood and building walls began to collapse. It took 8 hours to put out the flames. The businesses renting space inside were devastated by the loss.

Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Officials-Investigate-Cause-of-Avondale-Warehouse-Fire-172068821.html>

58. *October 1, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Warlocks biker shooting at Winter Springs VFW post.** Four suspects were arrested in the fatal September 30 shooting of two members of the Warlocks motorcycle club and the wounding of a third men outside a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post in Winter Springs, Florida. The suspects were charged with two counts of homicide, and one count of attempted homicide, according to Seminole County jail records. They remain held without bail. The shooting happened when a confrontation occurred in the VFW parking lot where the Warlocks were about to leave on a charity ride, stated a Winter Springs police spokesman. Witnesses said shooting erupted when 6 unidentified motorcycles arrived, and more than 30 shots were fired. Two people were killed, and a third person was hospitalized in critical condition. Authorities think all three victims were motorcycle-club members. Winter Springs police taped off the neighborhood adjoining the post and evacuated people from a senior center next door.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-warlocks-biker-shooting-20120930,0,7417132.story>

59. *September 30, Hawaii News Now* – (Hawaii) **Maui warehouse fire causes \$116K in damage.** Overheated equipment was the cause of the fire that led to a total of \$116,000 worth of damage to a warehouse in Maui, Hawaii. Maui fire officials said the fire in

Kula started September 29. The fire damaged a 2,000 square-foot warehouse, which was used for an office, a greenhouse, and two bedrooms. Authorities said about a third of the structure was in flames when fire crews arrived. Firefighters were able to control the fire several hours later. No one was in the building when the fire occurred. Damage was estimated at \$100,000 to the warehouse, and \$16,000 to its contents.

Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/19679149/maui-warehouse-fire-causes-116k-in-damage>

60. *September 30, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Man arrested after standoff at Va. marina.** Police said a man was in custody after a standoff with police at the Belle Haven Marina in Alexandria, Virginia. Police were called to the scene September 28 for a report of shots fired. When police arrived, a man armed with a gun jumped into a dingy and made his way out to a sailboat anchored in the Potomac River. Police evacuated the marina and spent several hours trying to make contact with the man. The man was later taken into custody without incident. Police said he would be arraigned October 1 on assault charges.  
Source:  
<http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20120930/NEWS01/309300038/REGION-Man-arrested-after-standoff-Va-marina>
61. *September 30, Washington Times* – (Louisiana) **Isaac damaged 59,000 dwellings, higher than first estimated.** Hurricane Isaac damaged nearly 59,000 dwellings across southeast Louisiana, the Washington Times reported September 30. The figure is much more than officials estimated a week after the storm made landfall August 28. The governor's office of homeland security and emergency preparedness said the most severe damage was done to houses and rental units in St. John the Baptist and Plaquemines parishes, where flooding swamped some homes with several feet of water. The latest estimates are for 46,663 owner-occupied houses, and 12,289 rental units. The damage data comes from door-to-door inspections of more than 120,000 homes done by the Federal Emergency Management Agency after people registered for federal aid.  
Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/sep/30/american-scene-isaac-damaged-59000-dwellings-highe/?page=all#pagebreak>
62. *September 30, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Sewage spill closes Mother's Beach in Long Beach.** A sewage spill in the Cerritos Channel resulted in the closure September 30 of Mother's Beach in Alamitos Bay. Long Beach, California's health officer ordered Mother's Beach closed to water contact until testing confirms results are within State standards. The low-volume spill was reported and contained. It was estimated to be about 1,000 gallons, city officials said. The spill originated in the Bixby Terrace area, due to a failure of a private sump pump, officials said. Marine Stadium will also be closed to water contact. The health department posted signs at the beach about the closure, and lifeguards enforced the temporary restriction. Health department workers were slated to sample the water October 1 to determine if the beach can be reopened.  
Source: [http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci\\_21667540/sewage-spill-closes-mothers-beach-long-beach](http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_21667540/sewage-spill-closes-mothers-beach-long-beach)

63. *September 29, Billings Gazette* – (Montana) **Rimrock Mall evacuated after bear spray sickens some.** A confrontation between two males at Rimrock Mall in Billings, Montana September 28 led to an evacuation after bear spray sickened many people inside the shopping center. A Billings police spokesman said police responded to a call that dispute over a female acquaintance caused a conflict between two suspects. One suspect bought a can of bear spray from one of the mall stores. When approached by the other suspect, a juvenile, he used the bear spray because he felt threatened, he stated. The mist quickly affected about 10 other juveniles in the immediate vicinity who watched the conflict unfold. The spray quickly spread beyond the area of the store and forced more people, both employees and customers, outside. About 25 people on the west side of the mall and 15 on the east side were treated for side effects, which included irritation to the eyes, throat, skin, and lungs, said a spokesman for the Billings Fire Department. Police and firefighters evacuated the entire mall. After about an hour, store managers or employees were being escorted back inside so they could shut down operations and lock the stores' doors. The Billings battalion fire chief expected the cleanup would be finished by the morning of September 29. Both suspects were arrested for disorderly conduct.

Source: [http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/rimrock-mall-evacuated-after-bear-pepper-spray-sickens-some/article\\_e24b38b9-99be-5de0-9280-a3a285a1ecdf.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/rimrock-mall-evacuated-after-bear-pepper-spray-sickens-some/article_e24b38b9-99be-5de0-9280-a3a285a1ecdf.html)

64. *October 1, KMSP 1030 AM/104.1 FM Shelton* – (Minnesota) **Minneapolis shooter spared some, shot others; fifth victim dies.** The suspect who shot up a Minneapolis, Minnesota, sign-making business selected his targets carefully, walking past some employees while shooting others, police said September 28. The Minneapolis Police detailed the suspect's shooting rampage as a fifth victim died from wounds. The suspect later shot himself in the head, bringing the total number of victims of the September 27 attack to six. The suspect shot up Accent Signage Systems just hours after he was fired from the company. The chief said the suspect used a 9mm Glock semi-automatic pistol. Police who searched his home September 28 found an additional gun. The guns were purchased in 2011 and he had been practicing shooting them. Authorities found packaging for 10,000 rounds of ammunition in the house.

Source: <http://www.masoncountydailynews.com/news/national-news/40290-minneapolis-shooter-spared-some-shot-others-fifth-victim-dies>

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65. *September 30, Redlands-Loma Linda Patch* – (California) **280-acre mtn blaze south of Banning estimate 70 percent contained.** The Range Fire in the San Jacinto Mountains south of Banning, California, was considered 70 percent contained as of September 30 according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire). Full containment of the blaze that scorched an estimated 280 acres was expected by October 1. "The fire started and burned on an open area used for shooting on BLM land," a Cal Fire update stated. Four firefighters were injured, including one

who was airlifted, and one who was hoist rescued, according to Cal Fire. More than 240 firefighters worked through the day September 30 in temperatures that were expected to peak above 100 degrees, according to the incident commander. No one had been detained in connection with the fire.

Source: <http://redlands.patch.com/articles/firefighter-with-injuries-airlifted-from-mountainside-blaze-south-of-banning#photo-11543216>

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